

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

MARTIN F. MCKERNAN, JR., ESQ.

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, after years of demonstrated dedication and commitment to his community and country, we celebrate the life and achievements of Martin F. McKernan, Jr. Devoted to his family, faith, and the law, Martin McKernan, Jr. had an immeasurable impact on all who knew him. A devout Roman Catholic, Martin F. McKernan, Jr. was named a knight of St. Gregory by Pope John Paul II and carried his faith and values with him in all his endeavors. He was a beloved uncle, brother, son, friend, and colleague.

Born and raised in South Jersey, he completed his undergraduate education at St. Joseph's University and earned his JD from Georgetown University before serving his country in the 404th Civil Affairs Battalion of the U.S. Army Reserves in Trenton, NJ. Upon his discharge, he returned to Camden City to serve as the City Attorney and went on to hold numerous prestigious positions to the benefit of his community.

Martin McKernan, Jr. served in numerous roles and capacities, some of which include legal counsel to the Diocese of Camden, a member of the bar of the U.S. District Court of New Jersey, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court; an original trustee of the Camden Center for Law and Justice, trustee of Rowan University and the Cooper Medical School of Rowan, along with the attorney of record for the Camden County Board of Social Services among many, many more.

HONORING ANTHONY TATE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and ambitious gentleman, Mr. Anthony Tate. Anthony has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to achieve.

Anthony Tate is a Chicago native, Yazoo City resident and graduate of Yazoo City High School. Tate has been employed at Mississippi State Hospital (MSH) for over 11 years and is a Mental Health Technician working in Forensic Services.

Anthony has been named MSH August Employee of the Month for Direct Care. The MSH Employee of the Month award recognizes employees who have made outstanding contributions to the hospital through their work.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Anthony Tate for his passion and desire to serve others.

REMEMBERING LISA SANDOMIR

HON. RUBEN GALLEG0

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mr. GALLEG0. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and mourn the loss of Lisa Sandomir. Ms. Sandomir was a longtime Phoenix-area educator and principal of Maurice C. Cash Elementary School for the past sixteen years. She passed away tragically last week as the result of a car accident.

Ms. Sandomir was beloved by students, parents, and fellow teachers. During her time as principal, M.C. Cash was named an A+ School of Excellence and, in 2015, she was awarded the prestigious Rodel Exemplary Principal award for her leadership. Ms. Sandomir believed in creating a positive environment where every student was given the opportunity to succeed and often reminded her students to never stop believing in themselves, just as she never stopped believing in them.

My thoughts are with Ms. Sandomir's family, the students and staff of M.C. Cash Elementary School, and the entire Laveen community during this difficult time. Although Ms. Sandomir will be greatly missed, her legacy will be carried on through the thousands of students whose lives she touched.

RESOLUTION RELATED TO CUBA, H. RES. 760

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mr. DeFAZIO. Madam Speaker, on November 3, 2021, I inadvertently voted in favor of H. Res. 760 when I intended to vote against it. Even though the resolution passed by a large margin in the House of Representatives, I oppose this resolution and am disappointed it passed the House.

Let me be clear: I strongly support those in Cuba who are protesting against the repressive and anti-democratic Cuban regime, and I support this resolution's sentiment in solidarity with Cubans who are demonstrating peacefully for fundamental freedoms.

However, this resolution is flawed and does not present real solutions for Cuba or its people. It completely ignores the U.S.'s decades-long failed policy toward Cuba and fails to acknowledge the negative impact that this failed U.S. policy has had on the Cuban people.

Throughout my time in Congress, I have worked with my colleagues to change the decades-long failed U.S. policy toward Cuba. Among the goals I've worked toward are lifting the ban on U.S. citizens traveling to Cuba and lifting the restrictions on selling food and medicine to Cuba. I have supported legislation that would achieve these goals.

I was also a supporter of former President Obama's proposals to allow U.S. companies to establish banking relations, ease travel restrictions, and export some goods including agricultural products—and I strongly oppose former President Trump's reversal of these Obama-era policies.

At the beginning of President Biden's administration, I joined several of my colleagues in urging President Biden to take executive action to reverse the Trump administration's wrong-headed policies toward Cuba, return to the Obama administration's diplomatic proposals, and pursue an end to the nearly six-decade-long economic embargo of Cuba.

As a longtime supporter of reviewing our country's position on Cuba, I will continue to support reform efforts.

HONORING BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR MS. LATANIA DODD

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a resilient individual and breast cancer survivor, Ms. Latania Dodd.

Ms. Latania Dodd, CEO of Dodd Consulting Co. in Itta Bena, MS, is a certified Community Health Worker with Cross Roads Clinic under the governance of Delta Regional Health Center in Greenville, MS. Her ongoing aspiration is evidenced in her passionate outreach work in supporting the health needs of people throughout the Delta communities.

Ms. Dodd's career path of Community Health Worker aligns with her work experience in years past, as Director of Community Engagement with the University Medical Center/Patient Center Outreach Research Institute, SPOIV Regional Diabetes Coordinator with the Mississippi State Dept. of Health Office of Prevention, and worked as a volunteer with The Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation of Ruleville, MS under the leadership of CEO Freddie White.

She has studied at Mississippi Valley State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, South Eastern Career and Vocational School, and Lamar Medical Institute. Ms. Dodd has several certifications, including Clinical Medical Assistant, Direct Care Nurse, Phlebotomist, Certified Lifestyle Coach, Community Health Worker, and Community Health Advisor and Trainer.

She is the mother of Dezmund A. Dodd, her teenage son, the daughter of the late Willie C. Dodd, her loving and supportive father, and her mother, Bertha L. Dodd. In 2020, with the onset of COVID-19, Ms. Dodd was faced with two of the most devastating challenges in her life—a diagnosis of Stage IIb In Situ Carcinoma Breast Cancer and the loss of her father at the same time. It was the toughest battle she has ever encountered, but her faith in

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